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SUBJECT: BRITISH CONSUL ABDUCTED

1. BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL BASIL BURWOOD-TAYLOR, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF GELATLY HANKEY, A TRADING FIRM, WAS KIDNAPPED AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 HOURS LOCAL THIS MORNING, OCT. 23, BY TWO MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE ELF.

2. KIDNAPPERS ENTERED BURWOOD-TAYLOR'S OFFICE, SEIZED HIM AND ASSISTANT, TELLING BOTH NOT TO WORRY, THEY WOULD COME TO NO HARM. THEY THEN CUT TELEPHONE WIRES, LOCKED ASSISTANT IN OFFICE, AND DISAPPEARED WITH BURWOOD-TAYLOR IN HIS OWN CAR. ASSISTANT
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SHORTLY FREED HIMSELF AND NOTIFIED LOCAL POLICE AND BRITISH EMBASSY

IN ADDIS WHICH NOW TAKING UP MATTER WITH FOREIGN OFFICE.
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